

**Henry Bouquet to George Washington, July 14, 1758,
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FROM COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET.

CAMP NEAR REAS TOWN 14th. July 1758

SIR

Having been out to visit the Roads I received this afternoon your two Letters of yesterday

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I am obliged to you for the notice of the Sad Accident happened to your Men. This Warning may prevent more effectually than orders the Carelessness and disobedience of our People.¹

The General recommends me to Send frequent Partys to harrass the Ennemies at home, I have actually four out, besides the Indians Sent by Col. Byrd. If you Should think proper to Send Some of your brisk young fellows under the Care of a prudent Officer, we could keep them busy at home.

As I am entirely unacquainted wth. this Country I would look upon it as a favour, if you would let me know your opinion, upon the Possibility of Sending a Strong Party to the Indian Settlements upon the Ohio; If their houses and familis were in danger, I would think that a great inducemt. for them to provide for their immediate defence and leave to the french their own quarrels to fight

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Before the General could be acquainted wth. your New Dress, he has approved it extremely upon a hint I gave him Some time ago.²

It takes very well here, and thank God, we See nothing but Shirts and Blanketts, &ca.

The Convoys fall So thick upon us, that we have no time to do any thing but to lodge them and I am obliged to beg the assistance of your Second Compy. of artificers for a few days after they have cut the Road, and build two Logg houses half Way, for a detachment and Some Stores if wanted.

The General desires you would Send a Party to reconnoitre Braddocks Road, and begin to clear a few miles, repairing the Bridges, &ca.

We have not a Soul idle in the Camp The Field Officers being themselves overseers

We Shall have Carrying horse, and few Waggons and Still less Bagage;

Our new comers Cherokee, are gone away after having Stolen our goods. It is a great humiliation for us to be obliged to Suffer the repeated Insolence of Such Rascals; I think it would be easier to make Indians of our White men, than to cox that damned Tanny Race.

You will receive the General's Standing Orders which we have read this morning to the Troops here.

I am at a Loss how to Settle the money between the two Provinces; If you could tell me the way, I woud be obliged to you.

My Respects to Mr. Glen & Col. Byrd I am most Sincerely, Sir, Your most Obedt. humble
Servant HENRY BOUQUET You have forgot the Letter from Capt. Dagworthy³ I write to
Col. mercer.

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1 The killing of two men by the enemy, due to their going out in a careless, straggling mass contrary to Washington's positive and repeated orders.

2 "It gives me great pleasure to find you approve of the Dress I have put my men into. It is evident soldiers in that trim are better able to carry their provisions; are fitter for the active service we must engage in; less liable to sink under the fatigues of a march and by this means get rid of much Baggage, which would otherwise lengthen our line of march.—These and not whim or caprice were my reasons for ordering them into it"—Washington's reply.

3 Washington swore once, it is said, in later years, at the battle of Monmouth; perhaps twice, but this is the first and only time, I believe, of record, that he was told, "You have forgot." "The enclosed," he had written, "I this instant receive from Captn. Dagworthy—If it is not in your power to afford him assistance, he must suffer, as it is entirely out of mine to do it."